GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ATTACK BY MAOISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of attack/sabotage of railway property by the Maoists has increased in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has evolved a comprehensive policy to protect the Railways from such attacks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): In the current year (up to November 15), 23 incidents of attacks on railways by the Maoists in various naxal affected states have been reported as compared to 47 such attacks in the corresponding period of 2010.

(c) & (d): 'Policing on Railways', as per item no. 2 of the state list-II of the Constitution of India, is a Sate subject. Prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises including tracks, bridges, tunnels and running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State police forces which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP) of the state concerned. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) is deployed to effectively supplement the efforts of the State Government to prevent such incidents. The Government of India is closely monitoring the situation and issue advisories to State Governments on the subject from time to time.